

AMENDED CLAIMS

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original claims 1 and 10 amended; remaining claims unchanged (2 pages)]

1. A composition containing as active principle a tetracycline compound, either as the free base or a salt thereof with a physiologically acceptable acid, complexed with a substantially equimolar amount of a magnesium compound, solubilised in a water miscible solvent system comprising,

a) glycerol formal in an amount of from about 10 to about 50% v/v; with

b) polyethylene glycol in an amount of from about 1 to 15% v/v;

said composition optionally containing a pH modifier in an amount sufficient to maintain a physiochemically acceptable pH, the balance being made up with water q.s.

2. A composition according to claim 1 comprising as a thickener polyvinyl pyrrolidone in an amount of up to about 10% w/v.

3. A composition according to claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the magnesium compound is magnesium oxide.

4. A composition according to claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the magnesium compound is a magnesium salt.

5. A composition according to claim 4 wherein the magnesium salt is magnesium chloride.

6. A composition according to claim 1 wherein the tetracycline compound is oxytetracycline base or its hydrochloride in an amount of from about 15 to about 35% w/v.

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1. A composition according to claim 1 wherein the composition contains about 30% w/v oxytetracycline, about 40% glycerol formal, about 10% v/v poly-ethylene glycol²⁰⁰ with a magnesium-containing complexing agent or stabiliser, antioxidant and water making up the balance.

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8. A composition according to claim 9 wherein magnesium oxide is present in an amount of about 2.7% w/v and, as antioxidant, sodium formaldehyde sulfoxylate in an amount of about 0.4% w/v may be used.

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9. An injectable composition for treatment of animals which consists of:

Oxytetracycline	300 mg
Magnesium oxide	27 mg
Sodium formaldehyde sulfoxylate	4 mg
Glycerol formal	0.4 ml
Polyethylene glycol ²⁰⁰	0.1 ml
Monoethanolamine	q.s. pH 8.6 to 8.8
Water for injections	to 1 ml, the

said composition providing for administration of from about 10 to about 40 mg of oxytetracycline per kilogram of bodyweight.

10. An injectable composition for treatment of animals according to any one of the Examples 1 to 10 hereinbefore.